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1. On 23 February 1950, SAF officers at COTTBUS airfield (A57) were wearing new uniforms: olive green long trousers and patch-pocket coat with lounge-cut collar, dark green shirts with black stitching. Flight leaders wore their insignia over the right breast pocket.
2. There were thirty-five PE-3's under tarpaulins in the parking area. Bomb crates were piled up around several of these planes. these were PE-3's: in-line engines and vertical antenna rod placed in the first third of the cabin roof. 50X1-HUM
3. Despite good weather, no flights were made. 50X1-HUM  
two cemented areas in front of the hangars and two concrete runways. One runway, NNW-SSE, is about 1,500 meters long and 40 meters wide; the other, NNE-SSW, is about 1,000 meters long and 50 meters wide.
4. For night flights, obstacle illumination is provided by lights on wooden posts placed above the small forest, in the barracks area, and along the BURGER highway. Red lights are visible on smokestacks and church steeples in the immediate airfield area.
5. A short siding, branching off from the Spreewald railroad, is narrow gauge, but transshipment is avoided by jacking up normal gauge freight cars and allowing them to proceed on special narrow gauge axles.

Attachment:

Sketch map of COTTBUS airfield.

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Cottbus Airfield, 23 February 1950



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Key to MapA

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| 1. Hangars w/vaulted roofs                 | 16. Barracks                           |
| 2. Flight control, weather & radio station | 17. Main guard post                    |
| 3. 4. Hangars                              | 18. Supply sheds                       |
| 5. Two-storey billets                      | 19. Three barracks; radio posts nearby |
| 6. 7. Hangars                              | 20. Unoccupied observation stand       |
| 8. Repair shop (being rebuilt)             | 21. Two one-family houses              |
| 9. Line-up stand for plane weapons         | 22. 4-range target stand               |
| 10. Billets                                | 23. Transformer, water installations   |
| 11. Guard building                         | 24. Two truck sheds                    |
| 12. Fenced-in truck sheds                  | 25. Supply sheds                       |
| 13. Engine testing post                    | 26. Barracks                           |
| 14. Boiler shop                            | 27. 28. Runways                        |
| 15. Four occupied barracks                 | 29. Siding                             |
| --- Aircraft parking areas                 |  |

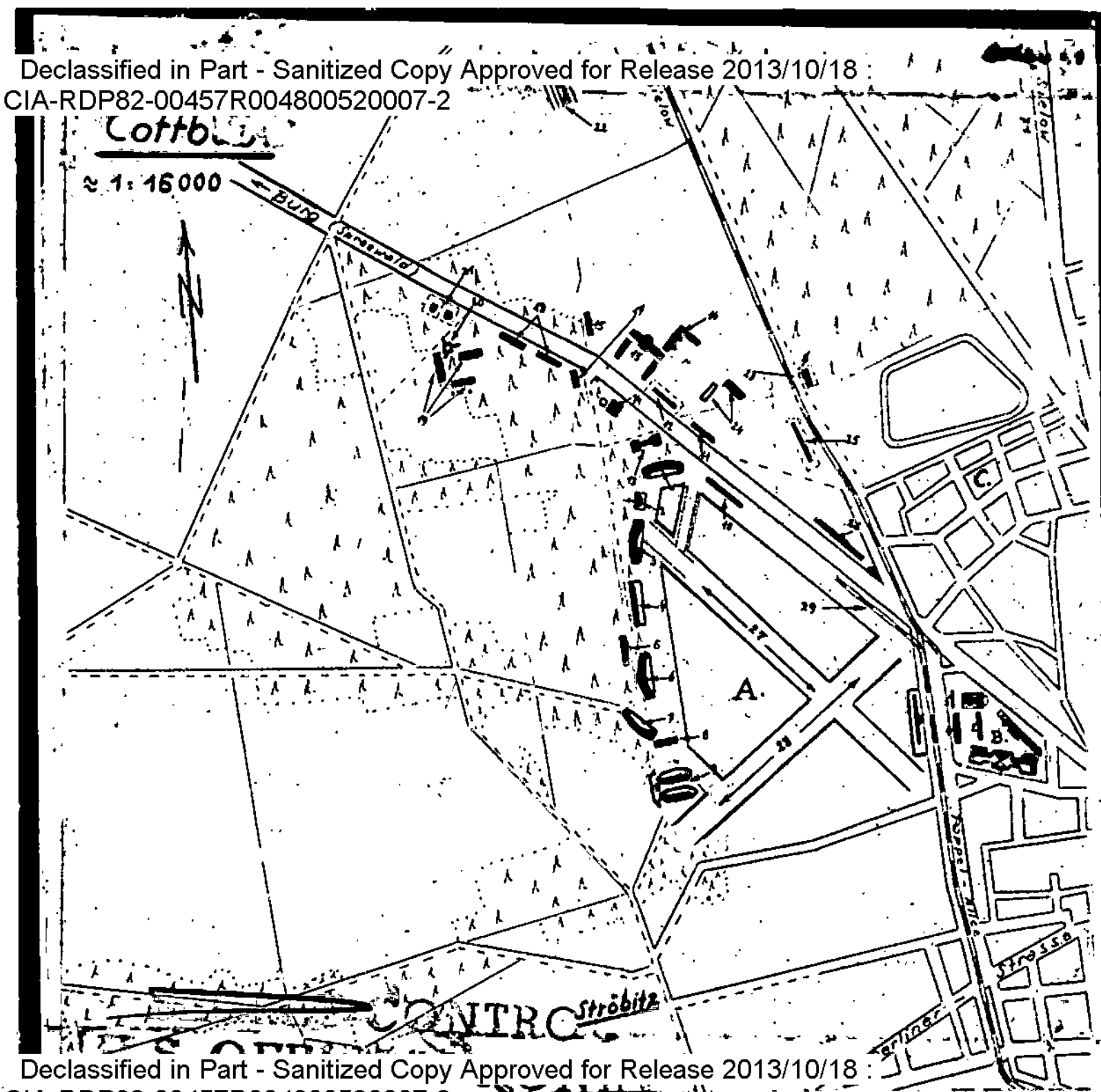
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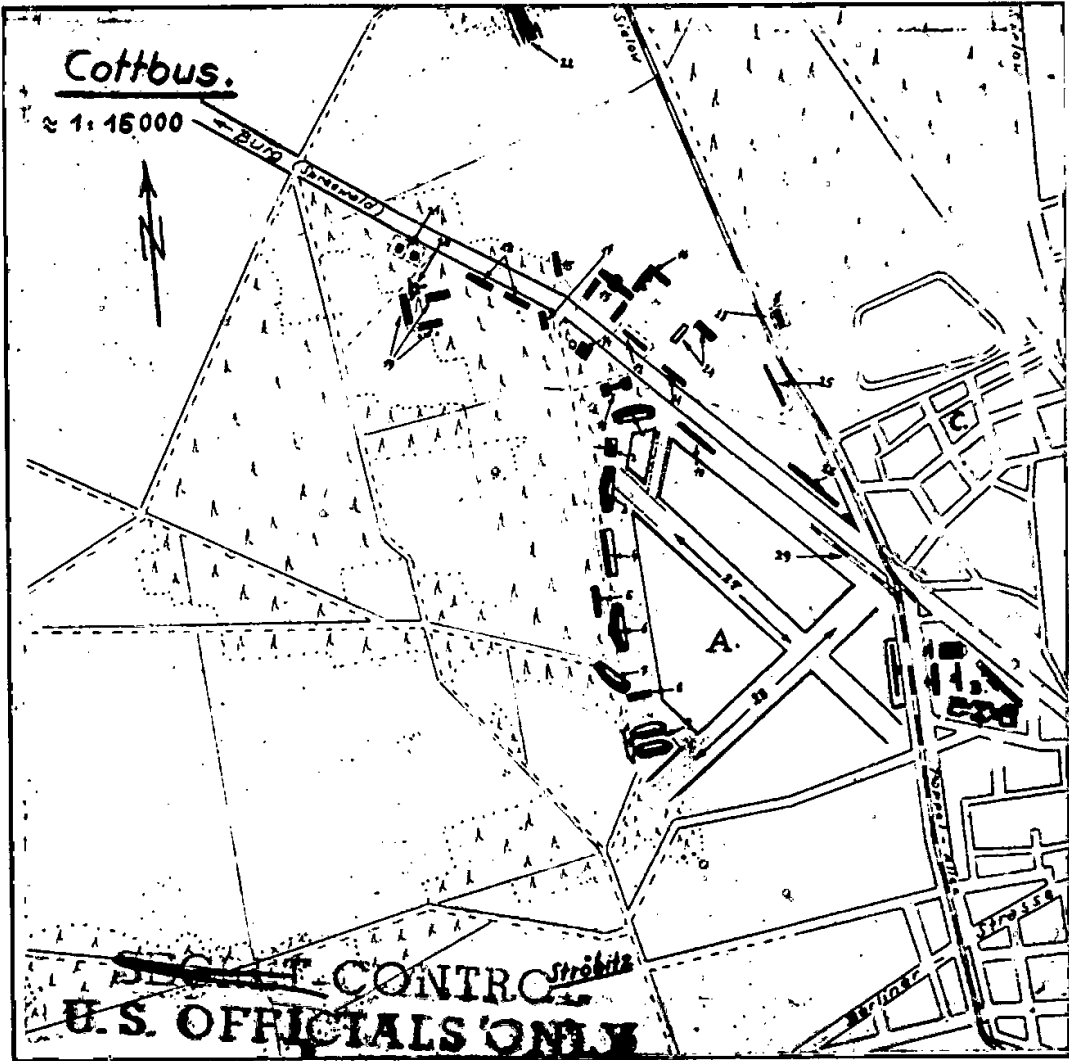
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|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Main building      | 4. Homes, kitchens      |
| 2. Garage             | 5. Wooden barracks      |
| 3. Training buildings | 6. Depot w/loading ramp |

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Residential Area for officers and dependents

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